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- (1) EP Patent No. 1 204 159;
- (2) EP Patent No. 1 178 565;
- (3) EP Patent No. 0 793 293;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,258,766;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,373,163;
- (6) EP Patent No. 1 205 720;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,172,608;
- (8) EP Patent No. 0 967 568; and
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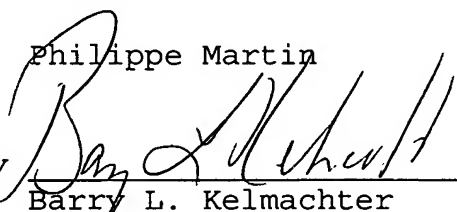
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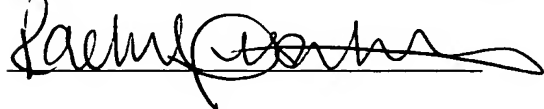
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